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(a) Of HUD to disapprove a project proposal if the siting is too close to a potential hazard not covered by this subpart, and (b) of HUD or any person or other entity to seek to abate or to collect damages occasioned by a nuisance, whether or not covered by the subpart.

APPENDIX I TO SUBPART C OF PART 51-SPECIFIC HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

The following is a list of specific petroleum products and chemicals defined to be hazardous substances under §51.201.

HAZARDOUS LIQUIDS

Acetic Acid Ethyl Benzene Acetic Anhydride Ethyl Dichloride Acetone Ethyl Ether Acrylonitrile Gasoline Amyl Acetate Heptane Amyl Alcohol Hexane Isobutyl Acetate Benzene **Butyl** Acetate Isobutyl Alcohol Butyl Acrylate Isopropyl Acetate Isopropyl Alcohol Butyl Alcohol Carbon Bisulfide Jet Fuel and Carbon Disulfide Kerosene Cellosolve Methyl Alcohol Methyl Amyl Alcohol Cresols Crude Oil Methyl Cellosolve (Petroleum) Methyl Ethyl Ketone Cumene Naptha Cyclohexane Pentane No. 2 Diesel Fuel Propylene Oxide Ethyl Acetate Toluene Ethyl Acrylate Vinvl Acetate Ethyl Alcohol Xvlene

HAZARDOUS GASES

Acetaldehyde Liquefied Natural Butadiene Gas (LNG) Butane Liquefied Petroleum Ethene Gas (LPG) Ethvlene Propane Ethylene Oxide Propylene Vinvl Chloride Hydrogen (Primary Source: "Urban Development

Siting with respect to Hazardous Commercial/Industrial Facilities," by Rolf Jensen and Associates, Inc., April 1982)

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APPENDIX II TO SUBPART C OF PART 51— DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS; CAL-CULATION METHODS

I. Background Information Concerning the Standards

(a) Thermal Radiation:

(1) Introduction. Flammable products stored in above ground containers represent a definite, potential threat to human life and structures in the event of fire. The resulting fireball emits thermal radiation which is absorbed by the surroundings. Combustible structures, such as wooden houses, may be ignited by the thermal radiation being emitted. The radiation can cause severe burn, injuries and even death to exposed persons some distance away from the site of the fire.

(2) Criteria for Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD). Wooden buildings, window drapes and trees generally ignite spontaneously when exposed for a relatively long period of time to thermal radiation levels of approximately 10,000 Btu/hr. sq. ft. It will take 15 to 20 minutes for a building to ignite at that degree of thermal intensity. Since the reasonable response time for fire fighting units in urbanized areas is approximately five to ten minutes, a standard of 10,000 BTU/hr. sq. ft. is considered an acceptable level of thermal radiation for buildings.

People in outdoor areas exposed to a thermal radiation flux level of approximately 1,500 Btu/ft² hr will suffer intolerable pain after 15 seconds. Longer exposure causes blistering, permanent skin damage, and even death. Since it is assumed that children and the elderly could not take refuge behind walls or run away from the thermal effect of the fire within the 15 seconds before skin blistering occurs, unprotected (outdoor) areas, such as playgrounds, parks, yards, school grounds, etc., must be placed at such a distance from potential fire locations so that the radiation flux level is well below 1500 Btu/ft2 hr. An acceptable flux level, particularly for elderly people and children, is 450 Btu/ft2 hr. The skin can be exposed to this degree of thermal radiation for 3 minutes or longer with no serious detrimental effect. The result would be the same as a bad sunburn. Therefore, the standard for areas in which there will be exposed people, e.g. outdoor recreation areas such as playgrounds and parks, is set at 450 Btu/hr. sq. ft. Areas covered also include open space ancillary to residential structures, such as yard areas and vehicle parking areas.

(3) Acceptable Separation Distance From a Potential Fire Hazard. This is the actual setback required for the safety of occupied buildings and their inhabitants, and people in open spaces (exposed areas) from a potential fire hazard. The specific distance required for safety from such a hazard depends upon the nature and the volume of the substance. The Technical Guidebook entitled "Urban Development Siting With Respect to Hazardous/Commercial Industrial Faciliwhich supplements this regulation. contains the technical guidance required to compute Acceptable Separation Distances (ASD) for those flammable substances most often encountered.

(b) Blast Overpressure: The Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD) for people and structures from materials prone to explosion is